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KING STREET STREETSCAPE BULLETIN

As a result of continued Streetscape improvements, <u>King Street will be closed between Queen Street and Broad Street beginning Monday</u>, <u>January 26th</u>. This closure will allow for completing electrical main installation, removing old trolley tracks and replacing water main and laterals. This closure is expected to last approximately 4 weeks.

- South bound traffic on King Street will be detoured West on Queen Street, with detour signs directing traffic back to Broad Street and then to King for local traffic for business parking lots.
- Local traffic for the block between Broad Street and Queen Street accessing parking lots for Berlin's for Men and Women, Mary Helen McCoy Fine Antiques, Tellis Pharmacy, and the John Rutledge House will turn north on King Street from Broad Street.
- Traffic exiting the City garage onto Queen Street will turn left on Queen instead of Right and follow the detour signs with directions back to Broad St.
- The Judicial Center exits from the Charleston County Parking Garage will also be functional.

ALL BUSINESSES ARE OPEN AND ARE ACCESSIBLE.

The King Street Streetscape for the portion from Market Street to Broad Street began in June 2008 and the completion is anticipated in the late summer, 2009. The project includes sewer main relining (which has been completed), new SCE&G electrical duct bank, a new CWS water main, new street lights, trolley track removal, new bluestone sidewalks and granite curbs and new asphalt for the roadway. The budget for this phase of streetscape is \$4.5 million which includes assessments from properties in the project area.

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